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THE

# COURTSHIP AND WEDDING

OF THE

# LITTLE MAN AND THE LITTLE MAID.

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THERE was a little man,
And he had a little mind
For to ask a little maid for to wed, wed, wed.

He hover'd near her door,
As he counted out his ore,
Dressed in his coat of red, red, red.

When the little maid came out,
He turned him about,
And begg'd she would look at him, him, him:

With his little heart so bold,
In his scarlet coat, and gold,
And all his other clothes in trim, trim, trim.

The little maid look'd mild,
And I think I've heard she smiled,
As she told him to call to-morrow, morrow, morrow.

The delay near broke his heart;
So great he felt the smart,
That he went to his home in sorrow, sorrow, sorrow.

And when he got there,
He sat him in a chair,
And sadly began for to think, think, think,

Of what he should say
On the very next day,
For, alas! his little heart did sink, sink, sink.

For his offers, though sincere,
'Twas to him very clear,
Were but little to induce her to wed, wed, wed.

The thought was so severe,
That he shed many a tear,
As he laid himself down on his bed, bed, bed.

When the dawn began to peep,
He awoke from his sleep,
And ran to the door of his dove, dove, dove;

Said he, "I'm all on fire,
And afraid I shall expire,
If you do not come, my love, love, love."

She awoke from her nap,
And in her night-cap
She spoke from the window in haste, haste, haste,—

"Will your flames assist a little
To boil water in the kettle,
That some breakfast I may chance for to taste, taste,
taste?"

Then the little man he sat,
A-twirling of his hat,
On the upper step of the door, door, door.

She was really such a time,
That he thought he must resign
All hope of ever seeing her more, more, more.

At length she came to him,
And said, "Little sir, walk-in,
And we'll talk this little matter o'er, o'er, o'er:

"If I consent to be your bride,
Pray, how will you provide
For the things that I shall want by the score, score,
score?"

Then the little man replied,
"I have little else beside
But love, that I can offer to you, you, you:

"But be not afraid;
For the little that I have
Shall be yours, with a heart that is true, true, true."

Then the little maid him eyed,
Until he almost cried,
So searching and so piercing was her look, look, look:

With a smile his sorrow cures;
At length she says, "I'm yours;
Go and bid the parson bring his book, book, book."

"I am come, sir, now
(Making a very low bow.)
That I may acquaint you with the news, news, news

"I have taken it in my pate
To choose a loving mate,
So pray, Mr. Parson, do not muse, muse, muse.

He was going to say more,
When a rap at the door
Made them both for to jump with a start, start, start

"'Tis," said he, "a friend of mine,
Come to ask me to dine
On turkey, and chine, and on tart, tart, tart."

"What are turkey and chine
To love so hot as mine?"
Said the loving little man, as he sigh'd, sigh'd,
sigh'd:

"Pray, think no more of it;
Love has got on her bonnet,
All ready to be my bride, bride, bride."

To the little man and maid
The Parson no more said,
But to church with them quickly went, went,
went:

And in presence of some
He soon made them one,
And happy to their home them sent, sent, sent.

To the little man's great joy,
She soon had a little boy,
Which made the little man quite glad, glad, glad ·

And 'twas the mother's pleasure
To nurse her little treasure,
Which such rapture did impart to his dad, dad, dad.

Now everything was smiling,
There was nothing like reviling,
While cheerful plenty crown'd their labors, labors,
labors:

The little man with joy
Would take his little boy,
And show him all around to his neighbors, neighbors, neighbors.

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